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On the afternoon of 10/7/2022 I heard two separate calls come out on the radio concerning a white male in a red shirt with a pony-tail. The first call had involved the male possibly harassing a bartender at Juicy Lucy's, however other officers had been unable to locate the suspect. Shortly afterwards, a second call came out involving a disturbance one block away at Cooper Wine and Spirits.

I arrived in the area with other officers to attempt to locate the suspect. Sergeant Crawford came over the radio at one point to tell other officers he had seen a possible suspect Southbound in the 1200 Block of Cooper Avenue, but that this was a one-way street and he could not follow. I was nearby and turned onto Cooper Avenue in the correct direction.

As I passed the "12th Street Ditch", I saw a man who matched the description of the suspect walking towards me, uphill from Grand Avenue. The man and I made eye-contact and then the man turned and ran back towards Grand Avenue. It should be noted I was in a marked, black-and-white police car. I was also in full uniform and the man had clearly looked at me and then turn to run.

I called out his direction of travel on the radio and then drove back to Cooper, turning left onto Grand Avenue. I parked at 13th Street as I saw the suspect run through rush-hour traffic to cross Grand Avenue away from Sergeant Crawford. He was met by Officer Cary on the other side of the street and I drew my taser and screamed at the suspect to stop running. Officer Cary then placed the suspect under arrest.

The suspect, identified as Eric Barg (DOB: 7/6/75), was immediately verbally combative and physically began to resist officers once placed in handcuffs. Barg smelled strongly of alcohol and at multiple points he turned his face towards my face and moved it as close to me as he could. I was worried at this point that Barg would spit on me, given how combative he was.

During the interaction, I heard Barg make many derogatory statements, at one point yelling "Nigger" at officers despite the presence of onlookers and traffic.

I left the scene to return to the police department so that I could get the "Body Wrap". I returned shortly afterwards and helped apply the Wrap to Barg, who was still combative.

I then went to Cooper Wine and Spirits to speak with the victims, although I learned nothing not already determined by Officer Farnham.

Attachments:

None